

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-28 are currently amended.

Claims 29 and 30 are canceled.

Claims 31-43 are new.

Upon entry of the amendment Claims 1-28 and 31-43 will be active.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification.

The Abstract has been amended to one paragraph.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

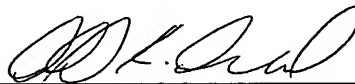
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